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FCC Extends Reply Comment Deadline In BPL Proceeding

from *The ARRL Letter* – The FCC has extended to June 22 the deadline to file reply comments (comments on filed comments) in its broadband over power line (BPL) Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), ET Docket 04-37. The FCC acted this week on a request from the National Antenna Consortium and the Amherst Alliance (NAC/Amherst) for a much longer filing deadline extension. The organizations said the June 1 reply comment deadline would not allow stakeholders adequate time to prepare comments that address the full two-part National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) BPL study. The FCC said the NTIA has indicated it soon will submit comments and a technical appendix that will include key findings of the Phase 2 report, which is due for release later this year.

“We believe that three weeks should provide ample time for review and analysis of this information, and accordingly grant the extension for that period,” said FCC Office of Engineering and Technology Chief Edmond J. Thomas, who signed the May 26 Order Granting Extension of Time. NAC/Amherst had sought to have the FCC postpone the filing com-

ment deadline until either September 1 or two months after the public release of the NTIA’s Phase 2 study--whichever came later.

Noting that its Part 15 rules already permit Access BPL systems and that its February BPL NPRM places additional requirements on BPL systems over and above current Part 15 requirements, the FCC asserted that any further delay would diminish the Commission’s ability to protect licensed users now occupying the HF spectrum. A further extension, the FCC added, also would “needlessly increase regulatory uncertainty” about BPL.

The FCC turned down a request that it reissue in substantially greater detail the provisions of its proposed BPL rules concerning interference prevention and mitigation and the enforcement of standards.

The FCC does not routinely grant such time extensions, and it denied earlier petitions, including filings from the ARRL and NAC/Amherst, to extend the initial May 3 comment filing deadline. The League and others had said commenters needed more time to digest the NTIA’s Part 1 BPL study, re-leased April 27.

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President's Corner



Before I talk about June, let me recap the month of May. It was a busy month for the Fort Wayne Radio Club and all amateurs in Northeast Indiana. The 14th-16th was the Dayton Hamvention. What more can you say?!

The following week on Friday the 21st we had the annual FWRC spring banquet. Carole Burke was able to round up a live bluegrass band. They were excellent! It was the best entertainment in Fort Wayne that night. If you missed it; you missed a great time.

The following day was the diabetes walkathon. The walkathon moved to the campus of IPFW this year. Wayne, KB9OZH, and Larry, KB9OS, coordinated the setup for our communication support this year. It was a great success and thanks to all who helped.

And finally the 29th was Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day or ARMAD. There were at least six stations setup for the event. It was great exposure for amateur radio. A number of the Wizard game attendees got to talk to service personnel on the air! What a great opportunity. And it was a great warm up for Field Day.

Did some one say Field Day? That's right, as you read this newsletter we are only days away from Field Day 2004. And we hope that you will make it out to Field Day this year. Whether you haven't been for a while, you've never been, or you were there last year, come on out and have some fun with us.

The FWRC general meeting on Friday June 18th will be our final planning session. We will go over our location and our plans. We will also have a computer there with the logging software so that you can get some experience ahead of time. Make sure you are part of the planning.

Then on the next Friday, June 25th, we will start arriving at the camp in the evening for what has become our annual "QRP Night"! Steve, WB9ZIY, came up with the idea several years ago and it was so

popular that we have been doing it ever since. Bring your QRP rig, bring that special antenna that you have designed for QRP use, bring your QRP power source and lets compare. It is fun!

Saturday morning, June 26th, is the official setup. We will start by 8:00 AM with plenty of work to go around so that we can be all set up by 12:30 PM. We will have our meeting at the lodge, and then on the air at 1:00 PM for the next 24 hours. What could be more fun!

We will wrap up at 1:00 PM on Sunday and then have our tear down. A special thanks to all who helped tear down and clean up last year. Many hand make light work and it went very smoothly last year. That is part of Field Day and we need your help for that as well as set up and operating.

Now I am getting so excited about I am going to start packing! See you there.

Tom / N9TB

June Meeting

Friday, June 18, 6:30 PM
Program: Field Day



FWRC Spring Banquet



FCC Chairman Responds To Request To Support ARRL Restructuring Plan

from *The ARRL Letter* – FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell has assured US representatives Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), and Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), that the Commission will act “as expeditiously as possible” on Amateur Radio restructuring. Walden and Ross wrote Powell a month ago to urge adoption of the ARRL’s restructuring Petition for Rule Making (RM-10867) “in its entirety” along with rules changes needed to put it into place. Powell said the League’s petition was one of many.

“At this time, the Commission staff is reviewing and analyzing carefully all of the petitions, comments and proposed rule changes in this area,” Powell responded May 21. “Because this matter is of great importance to you and the almost 700,000 amateur radio operators nationwide, the staff is working diligently to create a comprehensive solution to address the proposals the petitioners have submitted.” The next step in the process, he said, will be to prepare a notice of proposed rule making for the Commission’s consideration.

In addition to the League’s filing, Powell pointed out, the Commission received 17 other petitions for rule making that address examination requirements and operating privileges for Amateur Service licensees. The various proposals attracted more than 5000 comments, he noted--more than 800 of them on the ARRL’s petition alone.

In their letter to Powell, Walden and Ross expressed their belief that the ARRL’s plan “will encourage the development, refinement and use of new technologies; increase the number of young people involved in Amateur Radio; and provide incentives for Amateur Radio licensees to pursue technical self-training and opportunities for volunteerism in the best traditions of our country.”

Other restructuring plans were filed by the Radio Amateur Foundation, RM-10868, and by the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators, RM-10870.

Fifteen other petitions for rule making came down on one side or the other of retaining the Amateur Radio Morse code examination requirement to operate on HF. Judging from

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President's Message



It is June and that means that summer is almost here. Can you believe that half of the year is over. It is also the month during which Field Day takes place. We will not be participating as a club since there is not enough interest to make it a worthwhile event. It takes a lot of people to set up and operate over a 24 hr. period of time. For those of you who are new to Ham Radio, Field Day is a national event that is held on the last weekend in June. The purpose is to practice operating under emergency conditions. You go to a remote location, and setup towers, tents, and radio gear. You also generate your own power. You then operate for 24 hrs. and see how many contacts you can make in that time period. Besides being a emergency preparedness exercise, it is also a operating contest. If you have never been to one, I encourage you to go to one. You are welcome to attend the FWRC site. Look for the details in this newsletter, or contact a member of FWRC.

I would like to thank Dave W9LKH for last month's program. We had a good turn out for a program about digital cameras. Dave brought some sample pictures that showed the same picture printed by different sources. He also explained the difference between film and digital. We also found out how different cameras work. We learned what we need to know before we go buy a digital camera. Dan, who works for Dave, brought along parts to digital cameras so we could see what the inside looks like.

I am currently working on a program for this month. The details may not make the newsletter, so check the website, or listen to the IMO Net. We can still use ideas for the remainder of the year. If there is something that you would like to see, let me know. If you know of someone who would be of interest, let me know or have them contact me. If you have something

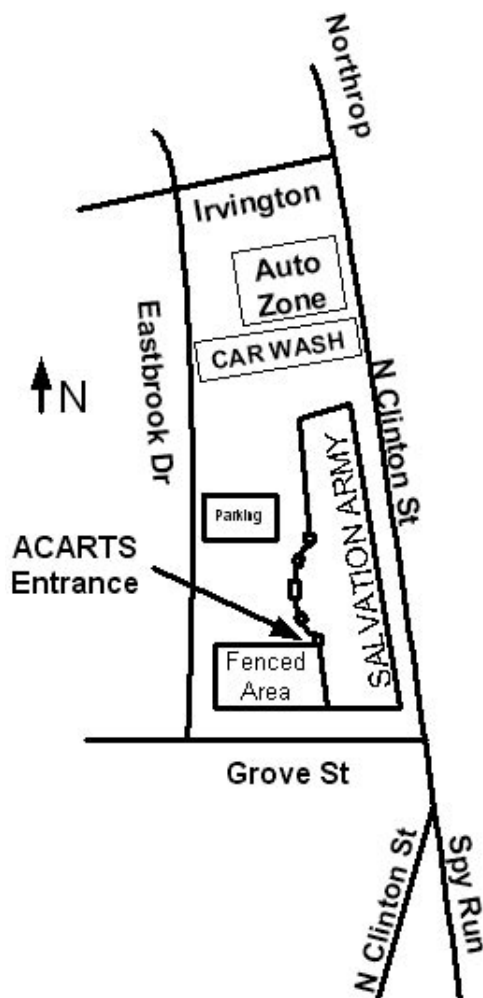
Meeting Schedule

New meeting location: Salvation Army Center, 2901 N Clinton St. (See Map)

ACARTS June Meeting: Tue, June 15
Program: Recap of ARMAD by Emery, KB9IBW

Next Board Meeting: 6/8/04

All members are encouraged to attend.



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ACARTS President's Message Continued

of interest, volunteer to do a program. Since we do not have a Activities Manager, the board has been trying to come up with program ideas. But, we still need your input. We do have two open positions that still need to be filled. We still need a Secretary. This position is responsible for taking minutes at meetings, and maintaining our membership database. The Secretary is also responsible for printing the mailing labels for the newsletter. This requires having a computer. The other position is Activities Manager. This position arranges for the programs and refreshments for the general meetings. Several of the months programs are already set since they are annual events. If you are interested in either of these positions, let me know.

With the warmer weather comes two things. The first is severe weather. Remember what you learned at the Skywarn Training. Read the article in a previous newsletter about what to report. I am hearing some traffic that may be unnecessary since someone just reported that information in the same area. Also when the repeater is in a watch condition, leave long pauses between transmissions. This will allow someone with weather traffic to get into the repeater. You can tell that the repeater is in Skywarn condition by the "WX" trailer at the end of a transmission. The warmer weather also means that many of you will be doing antennae work. Be aware of your surroundings in relation to power lines. If you are climbing a tower, be sure to use the proper equipment. In both cases practice safety and good judgment. We want to see you at future meetings or hear you on the air. Well, that's all for this month.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

**ACARTS needs YOU!**

**ACARTS is looking for people to fill
2 key positions:**

Secretary

Activities Manager

Call any board member to apply.

May 2004 ACART Board Meeting Minutes

May 2004 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic described the other rooms at the Salvation Army Center that would be available for larger meetings. He said that there was room to store the club cabinets and that there was a good possibility of installing a club station there.

Jim, KB9IH, said that he was making the final preparations for the Hamfest flyers so they could be distributed at the Dayton Hamvention.

Don, WB8HQS, said he is still working on consolidating the two web sites to one server to lower club costs.

Emery, KB9IBW, told the board about his preparations for Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day (ARMAD). He said the Fort Wayne Radio Club was paying for T-shirts for the operators and asked if ACARTS could pay for the imprinting. Howard, N9ADS, stated that the funds could come from the Tech Committee budget. A motion was made by Dan, KB9NGM, to allocate \$175.00. It was seconded by Vic, WB9UZA, and passed by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

May 2004 ACART General Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic stated the the June meeting program would be a recap of the May 29th ARMAD activities by Emery, KB9IBW.

Howard, N9ADS, said that the club treasury is still solvent.

Emery, KB9IBW, told the members about his progress in the preparations for Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day.

Dave, W9LKH, and Dan, KB9VTJ, gave a presentation on digital cameras. It included the history of digital imaging, new innovations in cameras and printing, how digital cameras work as opposed to film cameras, resolutions required for specific tasks, and common service problems encountered. Circuit boards, CCD sensors, and lens assemblies from various digital cameras were passed around for members inspection.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

FWDXA

Ft Wayne DX Association

The DXCC Yearbook 2003 by Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

Each year in late spring the ARRL puts out a little booklet called The DXCC Yearbook. It's free to everyone who is on the DXCC Honor Roll (having worked and confirmed within 10 of the total current number of entities on the DXCC List) and to those who submitted DXCC applications (either first-time or endorsements) in the previous DXCC year (October 1 through September 30).

Wayne Mills, N7NG, edited this year's DXCC Yearbook. Wayne is the ARRL Membership Services Manager at HQ. Included in The DXCC Yearbook 2003 are: the 3C0V (Annobon) DXpedition by Franz, DJ9ZB; the S05X (Democratic Arab Republic of Saharaui) DXpedition by Antonio, EA5RM; the ARRL's Logbook of the World by Wayne, N7NG; the Clinton B. DeSoto Challenge Cup Winners for 2003; the Year in Review by Carl, N4AA (editor/publisher of QRZ DX and The DX Magazine); and the annual DXCC listings.

If you're not familiar with the Clinton B. DeSoto Challenge Cup, it's an award given each year to the person with the most number of total DXCC entities on 160 m, 80 m, 40 m, 30 m, 20 m, 17 m, 15 m, 12 m, 10 m, and 6 m. The Challenge Cup has been in existence for four years, and Bob, W4DR, has won it all four years so far (Vicky and I had the pleasure of operating with Bob and his wife Rosalie, N4CFL, on our DXpedition to Syria in February 2001).

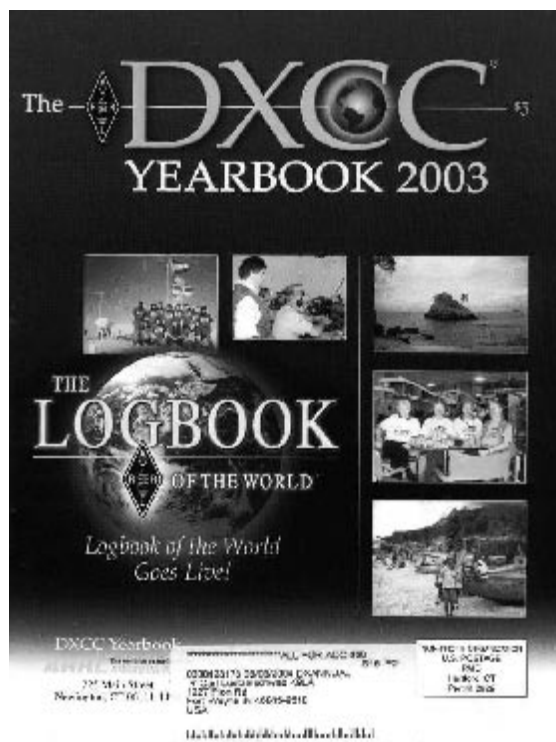
W4DR is on top of the heap with a total of 3083 entities. Here is W4DR's breakdown by band: 160

m 304, 80 m 346, 40 m 358, 30 m 331, 20 m 382, 17 m 332, 15 m 359, 12 m 330, 10 m 352, and 6 m 147. One thing you have to admit - to have those totals on all those bands means you must be very active! If you're wondering why the individual band totals add up to more than W4DR's DeSoto Cup total of 3083, that's because the De Soto Cup doesn't count deleted DXCC entities whereas the band breakdown numbers given above include deleted entities.

Right behind W4DR in the DeSoto Cup standing is Ken, W1NG, at 3076, Leif, OZ1LO, at 3051, Rick, K5UR, at 3049, and Ryszard, SP5EWY, at 3045. It'll be interesting to see if W4DR holds on to the Cup next year. His biggest challenge will most likely come from W1NG.

Rounding out The DXCC Yearbook 2003 is the DXCC Annual List. Totals for everyone with 100 or more entities on any of the modes and bands are given. There are a total of 5 mode-based DXCC awards (Mixed, Phone, CW, RTTY, and Satellite) and 11 band-based DXCC awards (160 m - 2 m). Here are some interesting facts from this list. The most entities worked in the Mixed mode award is 391, and two guys (K6ZO and W2BXA) are at that level - with 393 total over all time, these two guys have worked all but two of everything that has ever been on. The top Satellite total is 274 (DJ5MN). The top 160m total is 310 (W4ZV and W8LRL). And the top 2 m total is 164 (W5UN).

I think it's fair to say that there's something for everyone in the DXCC program. So if your activity in amateur radio is declining, think about going after a DXCC award. There nothing better than setting a goal to get yourself involved again. And it doesn't take a super station to do this, either. A good example of this is Dan, WG5G, making the DXCC Honor Roll at QRP power levels.



Severe Weather Notes: A Rough Holiday Weekend - Joel, KB9RH

Northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio have escaped the major tornadic weather events so far this year, with large hailstones and wind damage being the most prevalent in our area.

Across the country, this severe weather season started out rather quiet, but on April 20th that changed. On that day, northeast Indiana was on the edge of a tornado outbreak. Over 50 tornadoes were reported that day - most of them in northern Illinois. One of those resulted in 8 fatalities in a small town south of Chicago. A single storm formed to the southwest of Fort Wayne and generated tornadoes in Wabash, Grant, and Huntington counties - the nearest touchdown was 3 miles east of Roanoke on US 24. The storm weakened as it moved over the center of Fort Wayne, and no significant damage was reported by spotters.

Although there were not that many individual thunderstorms and the air temperature was in the 50's, there was a tremendous amount of wind shear in the lower levels of the atmosphere, so any storms that formed were capable of generating tornadoes.

However, things changed dramatically the last two weeks of May, when thunderstorms exploded - literally - across the Plains states and the Midwest. Over 400 tornado reports were received - in addition to many more hail and straight-line wind reports. Northeast Indiana escaped the onslaught of tornadoes, but we did have several damage reports from straight-line winds as well as many reports of hail 1 inch in diameter and larger. On May 21 there was a lot of damage (and some fatalities) along the Indiana-Michigan state line from straight-line thunderstorm winds. However, spotters in Allen County did report hail 1 inch in diameter. On May 22, 82 tornadoes were reported - mainly in Nebraska and Iowa. A Severe Thunderstorm Watch was issued for our area, and a line of severe thunderstorms formed over western Indiana, but when they moved east of Warsaw, they weakened considerably, and as a result, there were no spotter reports from our area. The unusually large numbers of tornadoes continued through May 29th, mainly in the upper Midwestern states.

On May 30 it was Indiana's turn: by the end of the day, almost the entire state was placed in a "High" risk area for severe thunderstorms. At one point, there were 5 PDS Tornado Watches in an area from northeast Texas to northern Indiana. The PDS stands for "Particularly Dangerous Situation"; actually, PDS

watches are relatively rare, and I've never seen that many in effect at one time. At press time, the National Weather Service had confirmed 16 tornadoes, mainly in central and southern Indiana. One cluster of thunderstorms generated 5 tornadoes - the last was an F2 that moved across the southern part of the city of Indianapolis. As luck would have it, yours truly was about 1/2 mile away. After 25 years of storm spotting, I finally had the opportunity to pick up the microphone and report a tornado touchdown. It's about time!

After listening to the spotter traffic on the net so far this year, here's some observations:

1. As we learned in the Advanced Spotter Training Course, be "situationally aware" of what's going on in the atmosphere. Read the convective outlooks and mesoscale discussions for our area. If there is a watch in effect, read the watch message, especially the "discussion" section before you go out storm spotting. The main reason is your personal safety. Another reason is this: I personally have not been impressed with the information put out over NOAA Weather Radio during severe weather - especially on May 30 - but that's a topic for another place and time.
2. We are not interested in checkins to the severe weather net. The net is for reporting purposes and for a two-way exchange of critical weather information between spotters and the National Weather Service. However, if the Weather Service asks for information from a specific area and you are close to that location and can move into the affected area, then let us know. We want to limit unnecessary traffic on the net so spotters can get their reports called in without delay. We also need to keep the repeater open for traffic from liaison stations in other counties.
3. When giving your location, try to stay away from local street names because the people at the National Weather Service may not know exactly where you are. For example: if I were to call in a report and give my location as Sherman Boulevard and Mildred Avenue, I doubt if the radar operator would know where I am. However, if I report my location as 1 1/2 miles northwest of downtown Fort Wayne, he can easily pinpoint that location on radar. The only exception is federal and state highways. Also, you may want to use county lines as a reference: for example, "My location is on US 33 2 miles south of the Whitley county line (that's one of many spotter way-points on my GPS receiver).



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For Sale & Wanted

For sale: From FWRC: Hy-Gain TH-4 tribander. Decent condition, on ground, needs new clamps. Contact Steve Nardin, WB9ZLY, 260-483-4039

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For Sale 10' aluminum gin pole w/new rope. \$150.00 obo

Garry Roemke k9znj@earthlink.net

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For Sale: I have a small business of making wooden call signs for ham radio operators and wooden names. My website address is www.woodnames.net if you would like to check it out. I have made a few ham radio call signs and have them posted on my site. Craig Celia, WWW.Woodnames.net

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For Sale:

- Kenwood TM-411 70 CM FM transceiver. 25 Watts. Has tilt front for easy viewing. Includes mounting bracket and manual. Requires external speaker which is included. \$90

- Tokyo HL-20U FM/SSB UHF mobile amplifier. 2W in gives 20W out. \$25

- Ham station desk. Make by Zero corportaion, VERY study steel table with 5' x 3' one inch thick formica top which is beveled at the front. Stands 29" high. Right side is for seating, left side has a 19 inch rack. Perfect for your ham station! Sold in 1979 for \$450. In excellent condition. See www.acarts.com/forsale.htm for picture \$40

- 12 band active stereo equalizer. Realistic 31-2009 \$17

Contact: Don Gagnon, WB8HQS,
dongagnon@comcast.net, 260-484-3317

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Wanted:

- a tower (Rohn prefered) or Glen Martin roof top tower

- 7/8" Hardline with connectors (100+)
- 2 meter Amplifier (300 watts and up)
- Any VHF/UHF M Squared or directive systems antennas.

Eric Shook, KT8O, KT8OEN71 at Yahoo dot com, 260 241 3305

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For Sale: - Location: Marion, Indiana

- 40' Tower, with legs & bolts - \$225 or best offer Canadian-made (forget the manufacturer's name!) Similar to Rohn

- TA33 JR - Tri-band antenna - \$125 or best offer Used

- Cushcraft AR270B Ringo Ranger (vertical) - \$80 or best offer Brand new - still in box - sells for about \$100

Vicki Rudicel, KB9OME, pres@grantarc.com

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For Sale:

- Kenwood TS-440-S with auto-tuner
- Astron RS-35A power supply
- Heil Pro-5 mic/headset
- Cushcraft TR-5 vertical antenna
- co-ax switch for antenna

About \$2K new, asking \$795. Moving to retirement home. Glenn Hawkins, KB9AYW, 106 N. Front St. North Manchester, In 46962, 260-982-7023, gahawkins@hoosierlink.net

Severe Weather Notes - Continued.

4. Always have a plan of escape if a tornado should suddenly turn and move directly toward you. In my experience on May 30th, spotters first observed the tornado about 20 miles southwest of Indianapolis and followed it into the city, so I knew exactly where it was. Before it even got close to where we were set up, I looked for a place of safety - just in case.

Thanks to all who have participated so far this year, and for your courtesy in keeping the repeater open during severe weather. Any comments or suggestions for improvement? Please direct them to me (kb9rh@fwi.com) or to Bill WD9HIL.

from Joel KB9RH

FCC Responds, continued from page 3

Powell's letter to Walden and Ross, the FCC plans to address all 18 petitions within the framework of a single rule making proceeding.

FCC Seeks Assistance In Illegal Equipment Sales

from The ARRL Letter – The FCC says it's taking a close look at reports alleging sales of illegal (non-FCC certificated) radio equipment in various venues. "The Federal Communications Commission receives hundreds of complaints about alleged illegal equipment being offered for sale on the Internet or in publications," the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau said. "If you have any information about illegal or uncertificated equipment being offered for sale, please forward it to the FCC." The Commission says the sorts of useful information it's looking for would include an original advertisement or Web address where the illegal equipment is being advertised or offered for sale, highlighting the types of equipment about which the allegations are being made, the name of any Web auction site, the exact item number and auction opening and closing dates, and the name and address of the individual or business offering the item(s) for sale. The FCC also asks complainants to specify why they believe the equipment is not in compliance with FCC rules and the number of pieces or types of equipment about which the allegations are being made. Complainants should provide a name and telephone number to follow up, if necessary. The FCC said the information can remain confidential, if requested. E-mail information to the FCC <fccinfo@fcc.gov> or send it via USPS to the FCC, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, 445 12th St SW, Washington, DC 20554.

Test Points

08-Jul-2004
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: LYLE L LONG
 (574)875-8455
 Email: N1LL@JUNO.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER
 HOMAN BUILDING
 GREENCROFT BLVD
 GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CTR
 GOSHEN, IN 46525

18-Jul-2004
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
 Time: 9:30 AM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH
 (419)795-5763
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 1055 S WASHINGTON ST
 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

07-Aug-2004
 Sponsor: FORT WAYNE VE TEAM
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: WILLIAM C HALL
 (260)485-3995
 Email: WD9HII@ARRL.NET
 VEC: W5YI VEC
 Location: BOY SCOUT HEADQUARTERS
 8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

25-Sep-2004
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH
 (419)795-5763
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: EMA BLDG
 1220 LINCOLN HWY
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

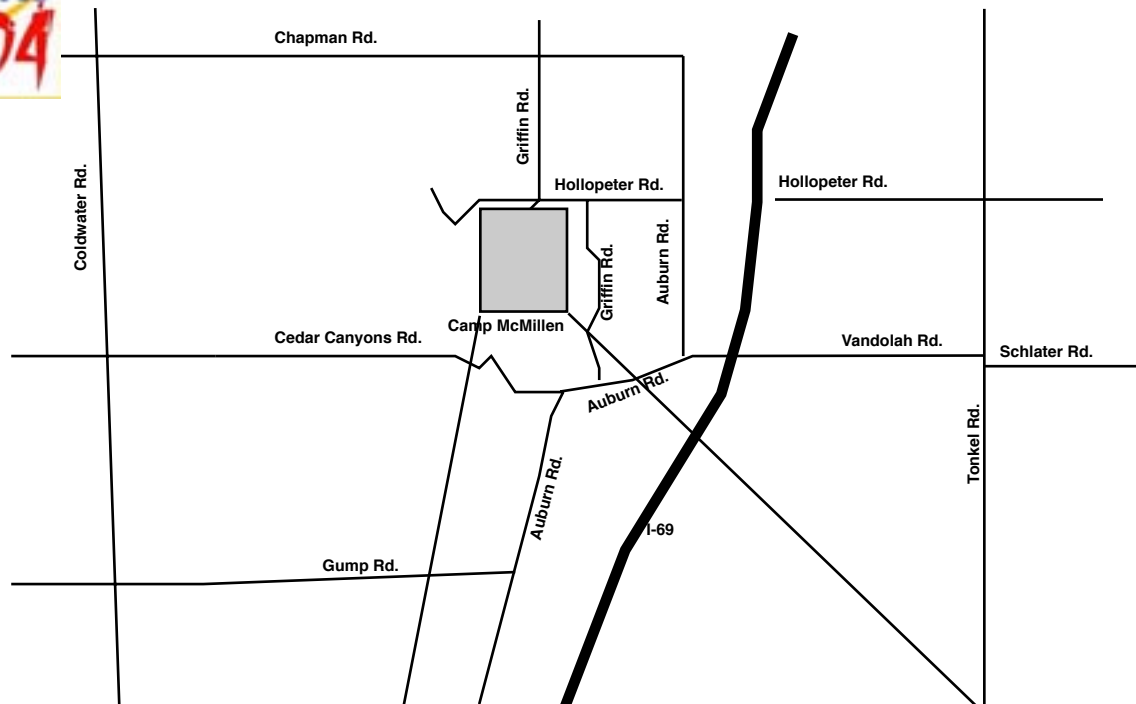
**Regional Hamfests**

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
20 Jun 2004	Crown Point, IN	219-662-0594	http://www.qsl.net/w9lj/
20 Jun 2004	Monroe, MI	734-242-9487	http://mcrca.org/hamfest.htm
10 Jul 2004	Indianapolis, IN	317-261-6658	http://www.indyhamfest.com/ (new location)
18 Jul 2004	Van Wert, OH	419-238-5560	http://www.w8fy.org
24 Jul 2004	Cincinnati, OH	513-251-1555	http://www.ohkyin.org
1 Aug 2004	Angola, IN	260-475-5897	sharon.l.brown@gte.net
7 Aug 2004	Columbus, OH	614-846-7790	http://www.qsl.net/w8fez
8 Aug 2004	Greentown, IN	765-668-4814	http://www.greentownhamfest.com
14 Aug 2004	Jackson, MI	517-782-4007	http://www.w8jxn.org/swap.htm
15 Aug 2004	Joliet, IL	630-739-3740	http://www.w9dxcc.com
12 Sep 2004	Findlay, OH	419-423-5643	http://www.findlayradioclub.org
18-19 Sep 2004	Grayslake, IL	630-628-1501	http://www.chicagofmclub.org
19 Sep 2004	Adrian, MI	517-263-5407	http://www.w8tqe.com
13-14 Nov 2004	Fort Wayne, IN	260-489-6700	http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm> or <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



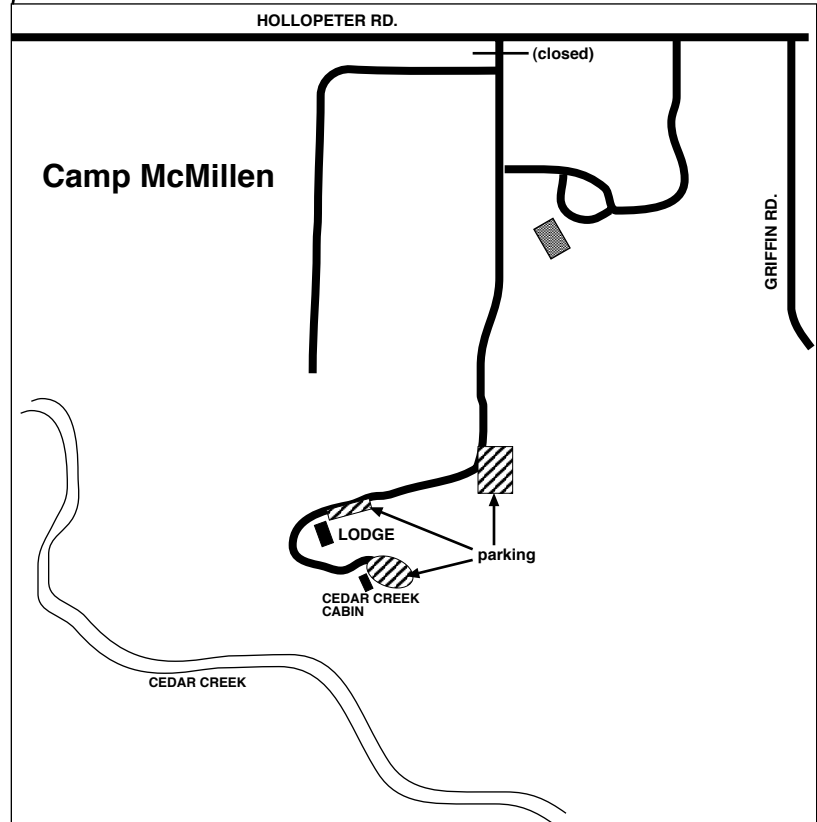
Map to FWRC Field Day Site



Field Day, 2004

Field Day is fast approaching so therefore I am planning another meal. We are back to having a hog roast this year. I don't have all the details worked out yet, but it looks like dinner should be about \$8.50. **The only thing we will need to have brought in will be desserts.** I hope we see a lot of club members along with family there.

Carole Burke, WB9RUS



Membership Application for ☐ FWRC - and/or - ☐ ACARTS

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____-4 Phone #: (____) _____-_____ Unlisted? ☐ Yes

Email address: _____ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$6.00/yr. premium.

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Regular membership ☐ \$15.00 / year
 Family membership ¹ ☐ \$21.00 / year
 Student membership ² ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Associate membership ³ ☐ \$15.00 / year
 Mailed newsletter ☐ \$6.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$12.00 / year
 Additional family members ¹ ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Student membership ² ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Associate membership ³ ☐ \$6.00 / year
 (New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

3. unlicensed member

4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

Please attach a check (number _____) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club
 PO Box 15127
 Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.
 PO Box 10342
 Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club. **Payment by check is strongly encouraged!**

ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority
 147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority*
 443.800 (+) General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

144.390 (s) APRS - wide

Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice: 146.76 (-) General use
 146.94 (-) General use with autopatch
 146.91 (-) Autopatch only
 444.875 (+) General use
 ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

IMO: meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88

Auburn: meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.36(+)

21 Repeater Group: meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

Helping Hands Net: Mondays @ 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

Miscellaneous Nets

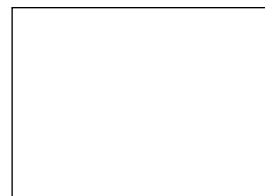
Huntington ARES: Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

Whitley Co. / ARES: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

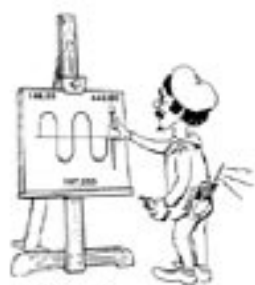
Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

Six Meter AM net (informal): Every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on 50.580 MHz.

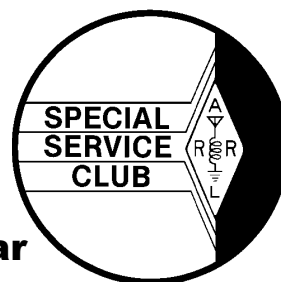
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Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
6/15/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
6/18/04	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
6/26-6/27/04		Field Day	McMillen Center
7/2/04		deadline for July ACHN items	
7/6/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
7/13/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
7/16/04	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
7/20/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
8/6/04		deadline for Aug. ACHN items	
8/10/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
8/10/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center